

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1277

DIGEST OF HB 1277 (Updated February 23, 2004 5:28 pm - DI 52)

Citations Affected: IC 13-11; IC 13-18; noncode.

Synopsis: Wetlands. Does the following for purposes of the law concerning wetlands and certain other environmental management laws: (1) Amends the definitions of "Class I wetland," "Class III wetland," "exempt isolated wetland," and "waters." (2) Adds the definition of "dredged material." (3) Repeals the definition of "ponds." (4) Provides that the classification of certain isolated wetlands may be improved to a higher numeric class if certain actions are taken. (5) Provides that certain wetland activities shall be authorized by a general permit rule. (6) Provides that the department of environmental management (IDEM) has authority over wetland activities in isolated wetlands that are subject to NPDES permits, decrees, or orders that became effective before January 1, 2004. (7) Delays the dates that certain reports are due and certain rules must be adopted. (8) Requires a wetlands activity permit applicant to show that the activity is without reasonable alternative and reasonably necessary or appropriate. (9) Allows IDEM to require an amended wetlands activity permit application if the initial application is deficient.

Effective: Upon passage.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — GARD, HUME)

January 15, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs. January 29, 2004, amended, reported — Do Pass. February 4, 2004, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed. February 5, 2004, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 94, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 10, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs. February 17, 2004, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass. February 23, 2004, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



Second Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2004)

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1277

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 13-11-2-25.8, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,
2	SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 25.8. (a) For purposes of IC 13-18:
4	(1) "Class I wetland" means an isolated wetland described by one
5	(1) or both of the following:
6	(A) At least fifty percent (50%) of the wetland has been
7	disturbed or affected by human activity or development by one
8	(1) or more of the following:
9	(i) Removal or replacement of the natural vegetation.
10	(ii) Disturbance or Modification of the natural hydrology.
11	(B) The wetland supports only minimal wildlife or aquatic
12	habitat or hydrologic function because the wetland (i) does not
13	provide critical habitat for threatened or endangered species
14	listed in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973
15	(16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the wetland is characterized by
16	at least one (1) of the following:
17	(ii) (i) The wetland is typified by low species diversity.



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1	(iii) (ii) The wetland contains greater than fifty percent	
2	(50%) areal coverage of non-native invasive species of	
3	vegetation.	
4	(iv) (iii) The wetland does not support significant wildlife	
5	or aquatic habitat. or wildlife uses; or	
6	(v) (iv) The wetland does not possess significant hydrologic	
7	function;	
8	(2) "Class II wetland" means:	
9	(A) an isolated wetland that is not a Class I or Class III	
10	wetland; or	
11	(B) a type of wetland listed in subdivision (3)(B) that would	
12	meet the definition of Class I wetland if the wetland were not	
13	a rare or ecologically important type; and	
14	(3) "Class III wetland" means an isolated wetland:	
15	(A) that is located in a setting undisturbed or minimally	_
16	disturbed by human activity or development and that	
17	supports more than minimal wildlife or aquatic habitat or	
18	hydrologic function; or	
19	(B) unless classified as a Class II wetland under subdivision	
20	(2)(B), that is of one (1) of the following rare and ecologically	
21	important types:	
22	(i) Acid bog.	
23	(ii) Acid seep.	
24	(iii) Circumneutral bog.	_
25	(iv) Circumneutral seep.	
26	(v) Cypress swamp.	
27	(vi) Dune and swale.	
28	(vii) Fen.	y
29	(viii) Forested fen.	
30	(ix) Forested swamp.	
31	(x) Marl beach.	
32	(xi) Muck flat.	
33	(xii) Panne.	
34	(xiii) Sand flat.	
35	(xiv) Sedge meadow.	
36	(xv) Shrub swamp.	
37	(xvi) Sinkhole pond.	
38	(xvii) Sinkhole swamp.	
39	(xviii) Wet floodplain forest.	
40	(xix) Wet prairie.	
41	(xx) Wet sand prairie.	
42	(b) For nurnoses of this section a wetland or setting is not	



1	considered disturbed or affected as a result of an action taken after
2	January 1, 2004, for which a permit is required under IC 13-18-22
3	but has not been obtained.
4	SECTION 2. IC 13-11-2-61 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
5	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 61. "Dredged material", for purposes of
7	this chapter and IC 13-18-22, means material that is dredged or
8	excavated from an isolated wetland.
9	SECTION 3. IC 13-11-2-74.5, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,
10	SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 74.5. (a) "Exempt isolated wetland", for
12	purposes of IC 13-18 and environmental management laws, means
13	an isolated wetland that:
14	(1) is a voluntarily created wetland unless:
15	(A) the wetland is approved by the department for
16	compensatory mitigation purposes in accordance with a permit
17	issued under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or
18	IC 13-18-22;
19	(B) the wetland is reclassified as a state regulated wetland
20	under IC 13-18-22-6(c); or
21	(C) the owner of the wetland declares, by a written instrument:
22	(i) recorded in the office of the recorder of the county or
23	counties in which the wetland is located; and
24	(ii) filed with the department;
25	that the wetland is to be considered in all respects to be a state
26	regulated wetland;
27	(2) exists as an incidental feature in or on:
28	(A) a residential lawn;
29	(B) a lawn or landscaped area of a commercial or
30	governmental complex;
31	(C) agricultural land;
32	(D) a roadside ditch;
33	(E) an irrigation ditch; or
34	(F) a manmade drainage control structure;
35	(3) is a fringe wetland associated with a private pond;
36	(4) is, or is associated with, a manmade body of surface water of
37	any size created by:
38	(A) excavating;
39	(B) diking; or
40	(C) excavating and diking;
41	dry land to collect and retain water for or incidental to
42	agricultural commercial industrial or aesthetic nurposes:



1	(5) subject to subsection (b), (c), is a Class I wetland with a
2	delineation an area, as delineated, of one-half (1/2) acre or less;
3	(6) subject to subsection (c), (d), is a Class II wetland with a
4	delineation an area, as delineated, of one-fourth (1/4) acre or
5	less;
6	(7) is located on land:
7	(A) subject to regulation under the United States Department
8	of Agriculture wetland conservation rules, also known as
9	Swampbuster, because of voluntary enrollment in a federal
10	farm program; and
11	(B) used for agricultural or associated purposes allowed under
12	the rules referred to in clause (A); or
13	(8) is constructed for reduction or control of pollution.
14	(b) For purposes of subsection (a)(2), an isolated wetland exists
15	as an incidental feature:
16	(1) if:
17	(A) the owner or operator of the property or facility
18	described in subsection (a)(2) does not intend the isolated
19	wetland to be a wetland;
20	(B) the isolated wetland is not essential to the function or
21	use of the property or facility; and
22	(C) the isolated wetland arises spontaneously as a result of
23	damp soil conditions incidental to the function or use of the
24	property or facility; and
25	(2) if the isolated wetland satisfies any other factors or criteria
26	established in rules that are:
27	(A) adopted by the water pollution control board; and
28	(B) not inconsistent with the factors and criteria described
29	in subdivision (1).
30	(c) The total acreage of Class I wetlands on a tract to which the
31	exemption described in subsection (a)(5) may apply is limited to the
32	larger of:
33	(1) the acreage of the largest individual isolated wetland on the
34	tract that qualifies for the exemption described in subsection
35	(a)(5); and
36	(2) fifty percent (50%) of the cumulative acreage of all individual
37	isolated wetlands on the tract that would qualify for the exemption
38	described in subsection (a)(5) but for the limitation of this
39	subsection.
40	(c) (d) The total acreage of Class II wetlands on a tract to which the
41	exemption described in subsection (a)(6) may apply is limited to the
42	larger of:



1	(1) the acreage of the largest individual isolated wetland on the	
2	tract that qualifies for the exemption described in subsection	
3	(a)(6); and	
4	(2) thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the cumulative	
5	acreage of all individual isolated wetlands on the tract that would	
6	qualify for the exemption described in subsection (a)(6) but for	
7	the limitation of this subsection.	
8	(e) An isolated wetland described in subsection (a)(5) or (a)(6)	
9	does not include an isolated wetland on a tract that contains more	_
10	than one (1) of the same class of wetland until the owner of the	
11	tract notifies the department that the owner has selected the	
12	isolated wetland to be an exempt isolated wetland under subsection	
13	(a)(5) or (a)(6) consistent with the applicable limitations described	
14	in subsections (c) and (d).	
15	SECTION 4. IC 13-11-2-265, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1798-2003,	
16	SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	4
17	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 265. (a) "Waters", for purposes of water	
18	pollution control laws and environmental management laws, means:	
19	(1) the accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural	
20	and artificial, public and private; or	
21	(2) a part of the accumulations of water;	
22	that are wholly or partially within, flow through, or border upon	
23	Indiana.	
24	(b) The term "waters" does not include:	_
25	(1) an exempt isolated wetland;	
26	(2) a private pond; or	
27	(3) an off-stream pond, reservoir, wetland, or other facility built	T
28	for reduction or control of pollution or cooling of water before	
29	discharge.	
30	(c) The term includes all waters of the United States, as defined	
31	in Section 502(7) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C.	
32	1362(7)), that are located in Indiana.	
33	SECTION 5. IC 13-18-22-2, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,	
34	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
35	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) The board may adopt rules under	
36	IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14 not later than February 1, 2004, 2005 , to	
37	implement the part of the definition of Class I wetland under	
38	IC 13-11-2-25.8(1)(B).	
39	(b) Before the adoption of rules by the board under subsection (a),	
40	the department shall determine the class of a wetland in a manner	

consistent with the definitions of Class I, II, and III wetlands in



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IC 13-11-2-25.8.

1	(c) The classification of an isolated wetland that is based on the
2	level of disturbance of the wetland by human activity or
3	development may be improved to a higher numeric class if an
4	action is taken to restore the isolated wetland, in full or in part, to
5	the conditions that existed on the isolated wetland before the
6	disturbance occurred.
7	SECTION 6. IC 13-18-22-3, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,
8	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) An individual permit is required to
10	authorize a wetland activity in a Class III wetland.
11	(b) Except as provided in section 4(a) of this chapter, an individual
12	permit is required to authorize a wetland activity in a Class II wetland.
13	(c) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14 not
14	later than June 1, 2004, 2005, to govern the issuance of individual
15	permits by the department under subsections (a) and (b).
16	SECTION 7. IC 13-18-22-4, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,
17	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) A general permit is authorized for
19	Wetland activities with minimal impact in Class I wetlands and Class
20	II wetlands, including the activities analogous to those allowed under
21	the nationwide permit program (as published in 67 Fed. Reg.
22	2077-2089 (2002)), shall be authorized by a general permit rule.
23	(b) A general permit is authorized for Wetland activities in Class I
24	wetlands shall be authorized by a general permit rule.
25	(c) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and IC 13-14 not
26	later than February 1, 2004, 2005, to establish and implement the
27	general permits authorized described in subsections (a) and (b).
28	SECTION 8. IC 13-18-22-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.282-2003,
29	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The rules adopted under section 3 of
31	this chapter:
32	(1) must require that the applicant demonstrate, as a prerequisite
33	to the issuance of the permit, that wetland activity:
34	(A) is:
35	(i) without reasonable alternative; and
36	(ii) reasonably necessary or appropriate;
37	to achieve a legitimate use proposed by the applicant on the
38	property on which the wetland is located; and
39	(B) for a Class III wetland, is without practical alternative and
40	will be accompanied by taking steps that are practicable and
41	appropriate to minimize potential adverse impacts of the

discharge on the aquatic ecosystem of the wetland;



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1	(2) except as provided in subsection (c), must establish that
2	compensatory mitigation will be provided as set forth in section
3	6 of this chapter to reasonably offset the loss of wetlands allowed
4	by the permits; and
5	(3) may prescribe additional conditions that are reasonable and
6	necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
7	(b) The rules adopted under section 4 of this chapter must require,
8	as a prerequisite to the applicability of the general permit by rule to a
9	specific wetland activity, that the person proposing the discharge
10	submit to the department a notice of intent to be covered by the general
11	permit by rule that:
12	(1) identifies the wetlands to be affected by the wetland activity;
13	and
14	(2) except as provided in subsection (c), provides a compensatory
15	mitigation plan as set forth in section 6 of this chapter to
16	reasonably offset the loss of wetlands allowed by the general
17	permit.
18	(c) Under subsections (a) and (b), the rules adopted under sections
19	3 and 4 of this chapter may provide for exceptions to compensatory
20	mitigation in specific, limited circumstances.
21	(d) For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(A):
22	(1) a resolution of the executive of the county or municipality in
23	which the wetland is located; or
24	(2) a permit or other approval from a local government entity
25	having authority over the proposed use of the property on which
26	the wetland is located;
27	that includes a specific finding that the wetland activity is reasonably
28	necessary or appropriate to achieve the intended use of the property as
29	described in subsection (a)(1)(A) is considered conclusive evidence
30	of that fact.
31	SECTION 9. IC 13-18-22-7, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,
32	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) The department shall:
34	(1) administer the permit programs established by this chapter;
35	and
36	(2) review and issue decisions on applications for permits to
37	undertake wetland activities in state regulated wetlands in
38	accordance with the rules issued by the board under this chapter.
39	(b) Before the adoption of rules by the board under this chapter, the
40	department shall:
41	(1) issue individual permits under this chapter consistent with the



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general purpose of this chapter; and

1	(2) for wetland activities in Class I wetlands, issue permits under	
2	this subsection:	
3	(A) that are simple, streamlined, and uniform;	
4	(B) that do not require development of site specific provisions;	
5	and	
6	(C) promptly upon submission by the applicant to the	
7	department of a notice of registration for a permit.	
8 9	(c) Not later than June 1, 2003, 2004, the department shall make	
10	available to the public: (1) a form for use in applying for a permit under subsection	
11	(b)(1); and	
12	(2) a form for use in submitting a notice of registration for a	
13	permit to undertake a wetland activity in a Class I wetland under	
14	subsection (b)(2).	
15	SECTION 10. IC 13-18-22-8, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,	
16	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
17	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The Subject to subsection (f), the	
18	department shall make a decision to issue or deny an individual permit	
19	under section 3 or 7(b)(1) of this chapter not later than one hundred	
20	twenty (120) days after receipt of the completed application. If the	
21	department fails to make a decision on a permit application by that	
22	deadline, the deadline under this subsection or subsection (f), a	
23	permit is considered to have been issued by the department in	
24	accordance with the application.	
25	(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), A general permit under	
26	section 4 of this chapter is considered to have been issued becomes	
27	effective with respect to an applicant a proposed wetland activity	
28	that is within the scope of the general permit on the thirty-first day	
29	after the department receives a notice of intent of from the person	
30	proposing the wetland activity that the wetland activity be	
31	authorized under the general permit. if the department has not	
32	previously authorized the wetland activity.	
33	(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a permit to undertake a	
34	wetland activity in a Class I wetland under section 7(b)(2) of this	
35	chapter is considered to have been issued to an applicant on the	
36	thirty-first day after the department receives a notice of registration	
37	submitted under section 7(b)(2) of this chapter if the department has	
38	not previously authorized the wetland activity.	
39	(d) The department may deny a registration for a permit for cause	
40	under subsection (b) or (c) before the period specified in subsection (b)	
41	or (c) expires.	

(e) The department must support a denial under subsection (a) or (d)



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1	by a written statement of reasons.
2	(f) The department may notify the applicant that the completed
3	application referred to in subsection (a) is deficient. If the
4	department fails to give notice to the applicant under this
5	subsection not later than fifteen (15) days after the department's
6	receipt of the completed application, the application is considered
7	not to have been deficient. After receipt of a notice under this
8	subsection, the applicant may submit an amended application that
9	corrects the deficiency. The department shall make a decision to
10	issue or deny an individual permit under the amended application
11	within a period that ends a number of days after the date the
12	department receives the amended application equal to the
13	remainder of:
14	(1) one hundred twenty (120) days; minus
15	(2) the number of days the department held the initial
16	application before giving a notice of deficiency under this
17	subsection.
18	SECTION 11. IC 13-18-22-10, AS ADDED BY HEA 1798-2003,
19	SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20	UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
21	the department has no authority over the:
22	(1) filling;
23	(2) draining; or
24	(3) elimination by other means;
25	before January 1, 2003, 2004, of a wetland that would have been an
26	isolated wetland.
27	(b) The department has authority over wetland activities in an
28	isolated wetland, including an exempt isolated wetland, that are
29	subject to the provisions of:
30	(1) a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
31	(NPDES) permit issued by the department under 33 U.S.C.
32	1342;
33	(2) an agreed order under IC 13-30-3-3, consent order, or
34	consent decree executed by the department and the regulated
35	party;
36	(3) an order issued under IC 13-30-3-4; or
37	(4) a judgment of a court enforcing or upholding an
38	enforcement order or decree described in subdivision (2) or
39	(3);
40	that became effective before January 1, 2004.
41	SECTION 12. IC 13-11-2-166.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
42	UPON PASSAGE].



1	SECTION 13. HEA 1798-2003, SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO
2	READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: SECTION
3	41. (a) The environmental quality service council shall do the
4	following:
5	(1) Monitor the implementation of SECTIONS 21 through 25, 27
6	through 35, 38, and 39 of this act.
7	(2) Review the role of the department of environmental
8	management with respect to action on requests under Section 401
9	of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) for certifications
0	concerning projects subject to permit requirements under Section
1	404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and recommend
2	whether statutory direction is appropriate or necessary in defining
3	that role.
4	(3) Complete its consideration of the options for statutory
5	definition of "private pond" as used in the definition of "waters"
6	in IC 13-11-2-265, as amended by this act, and:
7	(A) recommend an option; and
8	(B) include with the recommendation a statement of rationale
9	for the recommendation.
20	(4) Evaluate the tensions between existing programs for wetlands
21	protection and for local drainage and recommend principles and
22	policies for ameliorating those tensions, taking into consideration
23	the rationale and objectives for both programs.
24	(5) Submit its final report on the matters described in subdivisions
25	(1) through (4) before November 1, 2003, 2004, to:
26	(A) the governor; and
27	(B) the executive director of the legislative services agency.
28	(b) The environmental quality service council shall:
29	(1) conduct an ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the
0	permit program for state regulated wetlands under IC 13-18-22,
1	as added by this act;
32	(2) recommend any adjustments to the program referred to in
3	subdivision (1) that are considered advisable to improve the
4	operation and effectiveness of the program, consistent with the
55	purpose of providing an efficient permitting process and
6	enhancing the attainment of an overall goal of no net loss of state
37	regulated wetlands; and
8	(3) submit its final report on the matters described in subdivisions
9	(1) and (2) before November 1, 2005, 2006 ; to:
10	(A) the governor; and
1	(B) the executive director of the legislative services agency.
12	(c) This SECTION expires January 1 2006 2007



SECTION 14. An emergency is declared for this act.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Environmental Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1277, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1277 as introduced.)

BOTTORFF, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.











HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1277 be amended to read as follows:

Page 7, line 17, before "application." insert "completed".

(Reference is to HB 1277 as printed January 30, 2004.)

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1277 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, line 2, delete "March" and insert "January".

(Reference is to HB 1277 as printed January 30, 2004.)

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Hume be added as second sponsor of Engrossed House Bill 1277.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Environmental Affairs, to which was referred House Bill No. 1277, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 6, between lines 27 and 28, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 8. IC 13-18-22-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.282-2003, SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The rules adopted under section 3 of this chapter:

- (1) must require that the applicant demonstrate, as a prerequisite to the issuance of the permit, that wetland activity:
 - (A) is **without reasonable alternative and is** reasonably necessary or appropriate to achieve a legitimate use proposed by the applicant on the property on which the wetland is located; and
 - (B) for a Class III wetland, is without practical alternative and will be accompanied by taking steps that are practicable and appropriate to minimize potential adverse impacts of the discharge on the aquatic ecosystem of the wetland;
- (2) except as provided in subsection (c), must establish that compensatory mitigation will be provided as set forth in section 6 of this chapter to reasonably offset the loss of wetlands allowed by the permits; and
- (3) may prescribe additional conditions that are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The rules adopted under section 4 of this chapter must require, as a prerequisite to the applicability of the general permit by rule to a specific wetland activity, that the person proposing the discharge submit to the department a notice of intent to be covered by the general permit by rule that:
 - (1) identifies the wetlands to be affected by the wetland activity; and
 - (2) except as provided in subsection (c), provides a compensatory mitigation plan as set forth in section 6 of this chapter to reasonably offset the loss of wetlands allowed by the general permit.
- (c) Under subsections (a) and (b), the rules adopted under sections 3 and 4 of this chapter may provide for exceptions to compensatory mitigation in specific, limited circumstances.
 - (d) For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(A):
 - (1) a resolution of the executive of the county or municipality in

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which the wetland is located; or

(2) a permit or other approval from a local government entity having authority over the proposed use of the property on which the wetland is located:

that includes a specific finding that the wetland activity is **without** reasonable alternative and is reasonably necessary or appropriate to achieve the intended use of the property is considered conclusive evidence of that fact.".

Page 7, line 14, strike "The" and insert "Subject to subsection (f), the".

Page 7, line 18, strike "that deadline," and insert "the deadline under this subsection or subsection (f),".

Page 7, between lines 38 and 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

- "(f) The department may notify the applicant that the completed application referred to in subsection (a) is deficient. If the department fails to give notice to the applicant under this subsection not later than fifteen (15) days after the department's receipt of the completed application, the application is considered not to have been deficient. After receipt of a notice under this subsection, the applicant may submit an amended application that corrects the deficiency. The department shall make a decision to issue or deny an individual permit under the amended application within a period that ends a number of days after the date the department receives the amended application equal to the remainder of:
 - (1) one hundred twenty (120) days; minus
 - (2) the number of days the department held the initial application before giving a notice of deficiency under this subsection."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1277 as reprinted February 5, 2004.)

GARD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1277 be amended to read as follows:

Page 6, line 34, after "(A) is" insert ":".

Page 6, line 34, before "without" begin a new line triple block indented and insert:

"(i)".

Page 6, line 34, after "alternative" insert ";".

Page 6, line 34, after "and" delete "is".

Page 6, line 34, before "reasonably" begin a new line triple block indented and insert:

"(ii)".

Page 6, line 35, after "appropriate" insert ";".

Page 6, line 35, before "to" begin a new line double block indented.

Page 7, line 26, delete "without".

Page 7, line 27, delete "reasonable alternative and is".

Page 7, line 27, strike "reasonably necessary or appropriate to".

Page 7, line 28, strike "achieve the intended use of the property" and insert "as described in subsection (a)(1)(A)".

(Reference is to EHB 1277 as printed February 18, 2004.)

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